

SENATE BILL 454

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 10; Title 13; Title 20; Title 27 and Title 57, relative to venue for certain actions against the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding § 4-4-104 and any other law to the contrary, venue for a civil action is the county where the plaintiff resides, or if more than one (1) plaintiff is a party to the action, a county where any plaintiff resides, if the civil action:

(1) Challenges the constitutionality of a state:

(A) Statute;

(B) Executive order; or

(C) Administrative rule or regulation;

(2) Includes a claim for declaratory judgment or injunctive relief; and

(3) Is brought individually, jointly, or severally against a state department or other state entity, commissioner, or official.

(b) If the plaintiff in a civil action under subsection (a) is not a resident of this state, then venue for the civil action is in Sumner County.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.